

At page 19, line 25, after "material", please insert --dispersed in a phosphate-buffered physiological saline containing 0.3% lidocaine --.

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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 9 and 11 as follows:

In claim 9, line 3, please change "providing" to -- obtaining --.

In claim 11, line 2, please change "providing" to -- obtaining --.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 22 are presently pending in this application. The specification has been amended to ensure its compliance with the PTO's formalities pertaining to use of trademarks in patent specifications. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Additionally, claims 9 and 11 have been amended. Support for such amendments is found at least in the specification at pages 6-7 as filed.

I. Objections to Manner of Trademark Usage in the Specification.

The Examiner has objected to the manner in which the applicants have used the trademarks Vacutainer®, Zyderm®, and Zyplast® in the specification. To address this objection, the specification has been amended so that all the trademarks used are capitalized.

The Examiner has also objected to what he asserts is a lack of generic description for each of the products designated in the specification by the trademarks. While not necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's reasoning, the applicants have amended the specification to include further generic descriptions of the products designated by the trademarks Hemogard™, Zyderm®, Zyplast® and Metophane™. No new matter is added by these amendments as these trademarks are well known and well used in the art; thus a person of ordinary skill in the art would have a clear understanding of what the generic components of each product were at the time this application was filed. The published descriptions of each of the trademarked products are included with this response for the Examiner's review.

With regard to the Examiner's objection for lack of generic description as applied to the trademark Vacutainer®, the applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's basis for